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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLF VISIT

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1. AMBASSADOR SWING AND THE COUNTRY TEAM OF EMBASSY KINSHASA REGRET THAT REPRESENTATIVE WOLF AND HIS DELEGATION WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT KINSHASA. HOWEVER, WE ALSO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TIME CONSTRAINTS SUCH A VISIT WOULD ENTAIL.

2. EMBASSY POLITICAL CHIEF KENT BROKENSHERE WILL FLY TO GOMA ABOARD A WEEKLY MONUC FLIGHT IN ORDER TO BE ON HAND TO ACCOMPANY THE CONGRESIONAL DELEGATION ON ITS VISIT TO THE KIVUS.

3. WHILE IN THE KIVUS, EMBASSY KINSHASA URGES THAT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CODEL WOLF BE MADE THROUGH PRIVATE OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS RATHER THAN RELYING ON THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION IN ORDER TO AVOID CREATING ANY FALSE PERCEPTIONS ABOUT U.S. POLICY AS REGARDS THE CONGO.
SWING